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UM STUDENTS PREPARE FOR FORESTER'S BALL

MISSOULA--

With the first snows creeping down from the mountains around Missoula, the students in the University of Montana School of Forestry are getting up steam for their 64th annual Forester's Ball, scheduled for January 16-17, 1981, on the UM campus.

According to ball publicity assistant, Mindi Federman, the theme for the upcoming ball is "Picks, Pans, 'N' Pines," chosen in honor of the miners who started coming to Montana in the 1860s, and to show the impact of mining on Montana lands and the state's economy.

Last year's theme was "Hides and Hellraisin'," from the history of the mountain men of the Rockies.

The ball will wind up the annual Forester's Week at UM, which will include activities like a beard, moustache and hairy-legs contest; 'ball queen contest;' forestry graduates' reunion; a convocation; and sawing and ax-throwing contests.

Federman said that donations for ball building materials will be requested so the students can decorate the UM Men's Gym with displays and activities booths associated with the theme.

Proceeds from the annual ball go to a scholarship and revolving student loan fund for UM forestry students. Six students each received \$300 in scholarships last year, and the loan fund dispersed several hundred dollars.

Officials for the 1981 ball include chief push Blackwell J. Hawthorne, a forestry senior from Falls Church, Va.; Federman, senior in resource conservation from Philadelphia, Pa.; logistics assistant Sandrah Mack, junior in wildlife biology from Oxford, Ohio; and pre-construction head Frank Maus, a forestry senior from Westwood, Mass.

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